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Larry Hymel Inducted into Third Hall of Fame

By RICHARD MEEK

Tears briefly flushed the eyes of Larry Hymel, those same eyes that silently chronicled the maturing of his beloved Southeastern Louisiana University from a small teacher's college to Louisiana's third largest institute of higher learning.

Nearly 60 years after taking his first step on the SLU campus as a student, Hymel received the ultimate award that many believed would come and all felt deserving. The Hammond native, SLU's founding sports information director who would remain in that position for 28 years, was inducted in the College Sports Communications Hall of Fame at the recent CSC All-Star Night of Honors at the Orland World Center Marriott.

The induction was his third into a hall of fame, having already been inducted into the Southeastern Athletics Hall of fame and the Louisiana Sports Writers Association Hall of Fame.

"That's the whole thing, you are being recognized by your peers," Hymel said. "That adds to it; it is one that spans the course of the country.

With his typical modesty and a dash of his own engaging sense of humor, Hymel admitted he was surprised when he learned of the award because "I had been out of it for so long, I did not think there was anything left to get.

Photo courtesy of Larry Hymel

Above, CSC president Kevin Trainor, right, presents Hall of Fame plaque to Larry Hymel, left.

"Anytime you get a big award it's extra special," he said. "Being in the presence of people, some already in the hall of fame, going in with that group, you get to know them a little bit. It was just the epitome of your profession to be recognized on a national scale."

For Hymel, however, awards are secondary to the relationships he has cultivated through the years, the students he has mentored, two of whom are now sports information directors at various universities and another who passed away at a young age while also serving in a similar role. Hymel's impact went far beyond educating students on how to write press releases and keep statistics.

Hymel's influence penetration was far deeper, as he shared life's lessons and prepared students for their future in whatever career they chose. He was their biggest advocate, counselor, and supporter, a friendly voice for young people facing the

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Santa's Sweatin'
The curious case of Christmas in July

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times
Community Journalist

If you've ever sipped iced coffee in flip-flops while shopping a 50% off ornament sale and thought, "Wait… is that a jingle bell I hear?" – you've officially experienced the strange and delightful phenomenon known as Christmas in July.

Yes, it's a real thing. And no, you haven't stepped into a time warp or a glitter-filled wormhole to December. Christmas in July is a mid-summer excuse to crank the holiday tunes, score some sweet deals, and maybe throw a snowman-themed pool party while you're at it. It's festive, it's weird, and it's oddly wonderful.

So where did this half-baked holiday come from? Surprisingly, it didn't start as a clever marketing ploy.

The earliest known mention of Christmas in July dates back to 1933 at a summer camp in North Carolina, where campers decked

the halls with paper snowflakes and sang carols to beat the heat with a little holiday spirit. From there, the idea snowballed – so to speak – and by the 1950s, it had started popping up in ads and store windows.

Retailers quickly realized that tossing a little Christmas magic into the summer slump was great for business. July is typically a slower sales month, so stores began offering "Christmas in July" promotions to clear inventory, launch early holiday products, and make room for – ironically – more Christmas items.

The result? Shoppers now get a chance to stock up on gifts, decor, and wrapping paper six months early, all while pretending that sweating through a Santa hat is totally normal.

For shoppers, it's a win-win: you beat the December crowds, snag some serious deals, and maybe even trick yourself into believing you're ahead on your holiday shopping list. For businesses, it's a chance to drum up excitement during the dog days of summer when nobody really wants to shop for anything that doesn't involve sunscreen or mosquito spray.

But Christmas in July isn't just about sales. It's also become a quirky celebration in its own right. Some families use it as an excuse to host holiday movie marathons (Home Alone hits different when there's a box fan blowing your popcorn across the room), throw Christmas-themed cookouts, or even exchange silly gifts just for fun.

And let's not forget the joy of watching Santa make his grand entrance on a jet ski instead of a

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Today is National Mac & Cheese Day!

"Anyone who doesn't like mac & cheese surely must be a communist."
-Someone, probably

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CHRISTMAS

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sleigh (because reindeer don't do well in 98-degree heat).

Whether you're genuinely prepping for December or just in it for the candy cane-shaped pool noodles and the off-season fruitcake jokes, Christmas in July is a reminder that a little holiday cheer never hurt anybody – even if the snow is actually sunscreen and the only thing roasting is your flip-flopped feet on the pavement.

So dig out those elf ears, blast "Jingle Bell Rock," and toast to Christmas in July – the only time of year it's socially acceptable to hang stockings next to your beach towels.

Just Saying

Statistics show that women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men spend thinking.

MEME MOJO

I wonder how many vampires have been run over by drivers who back up using only their mirrors. And people act like technology is a bad thing.

PALINDROME du jour

A man, a plan, a canal, Panama

A palindrome is a word, phrase, or sentence that reads the same backward as it does forward. If you have a favorite palindrome, send it to publisher@tangitimes.com.

Back in My Day

By Burl "Two-Toes" Jenkins

Nature Was Our Playground, and Our Parents Just Hoped for the Best

Back in my day, "going outside" didn't mean sitting on a screened-in porch with Wi-Fi and a juice pouch. No sir. It meant vanishing into the woods with a can of Vienna sausages, a half-flattened tent from somebody's shed, and a vague promise to be back by dark – or whenever the mosquitoes carried us home.

We didn't need fancy apps to identify birds or plants. We had one rule: if it smelled like a skunk or made your tongue tingle, don't touch it.

And we sure didn't need hydration backpacks. We drank straight from the hose, or if things got real desperate, the creek behind Mr. Thibodeaux's cow pasture. You had to dodge tadpoles and mystery floaters, but it built character (and probably our immune systems).

We caught lightning bugs in mayonnaise jars, made fishing poles from cane stalks, and built entire forts out of sticks, pine straw, and pure imagination.

One summer, we swore we discovered a new species of frog. Turned out it was just a regular toad with a ketchup lid stuck on its back. We named him General Hopsalot and made him our camp mascot until he disappeared – possibly to escape our leadership.

Nature was our babysitter, gym teacher, and therapist.

Got in a fight with your cousin? Work it out on a seesaw made from a log and a concrete block.

Feeling stressed? Go scream into a hollow tree.

Wanted to feel alive? Climb a pine tree with questionable limb stability and no real plan for getting back down.

There were no helmets, no permission slips, and definitely no GPS tracking. The only app we had was "apply pressure if bleeding."

We respected nature, mostly because she didn't care whether you were paying attention or not. Step on a fire ant mound once, and you learned. Try to befriend a snapping turtle, and you'd lose a shoelace or a chunk of your pride.

I once spent three hours stuck in a briar patch trying to rescue a lizard that didn't want to be rescued. Got home looking like I fought a weed whacker – and lost.

But oh, those days were glorious. We knew every inch of those woods, every tree that made the best climbing post and every ditch deep enough to turn into a summer swimming hole (though we didn't ask too many questions about the squishy stuff at the bottom). Our parents weren't "helicoptering" – they were probably inside enjoying the peace and quiet and assuming that if we weren't screaming, we were fine.

So when I see kids today exploring the world through a tablet screen, I don't judge, but I do feel a little sad they'll never know the thrill of trying to build a raft out of sticks and plastic milk jugs, only to end up waist-deep in swamp water, laughing so hard you can't breathe.

Back in my day, nature wasn't a weekend activity – it was life. And we were lucky enough to get good and dirty figuring out just how wild and wonderful the world could be.

Now if you'll excuse me, I'm off to the woods with a pocketknife, a granola bar, and no plan whatsoever. Just like the good old days.

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Safety Tip of the Day

Bar Safety Tip

Never leave your drink unattended.
If it leaves your line of vision, get a new one.

According to the findings, a staggering 70% of 18-24-year-olds have either experienced or witnessed drink spiking, with over half of females (51%) and 69% of LGBTQ+ individuals affected.

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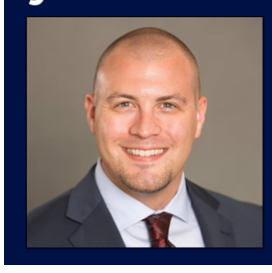

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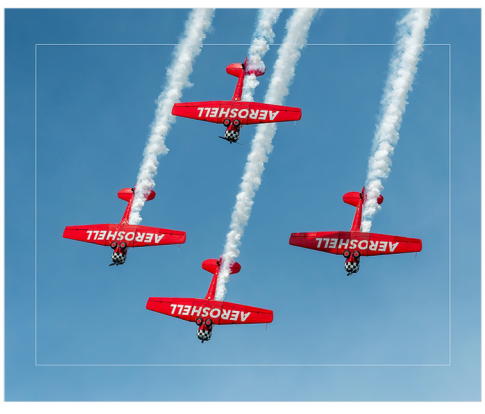

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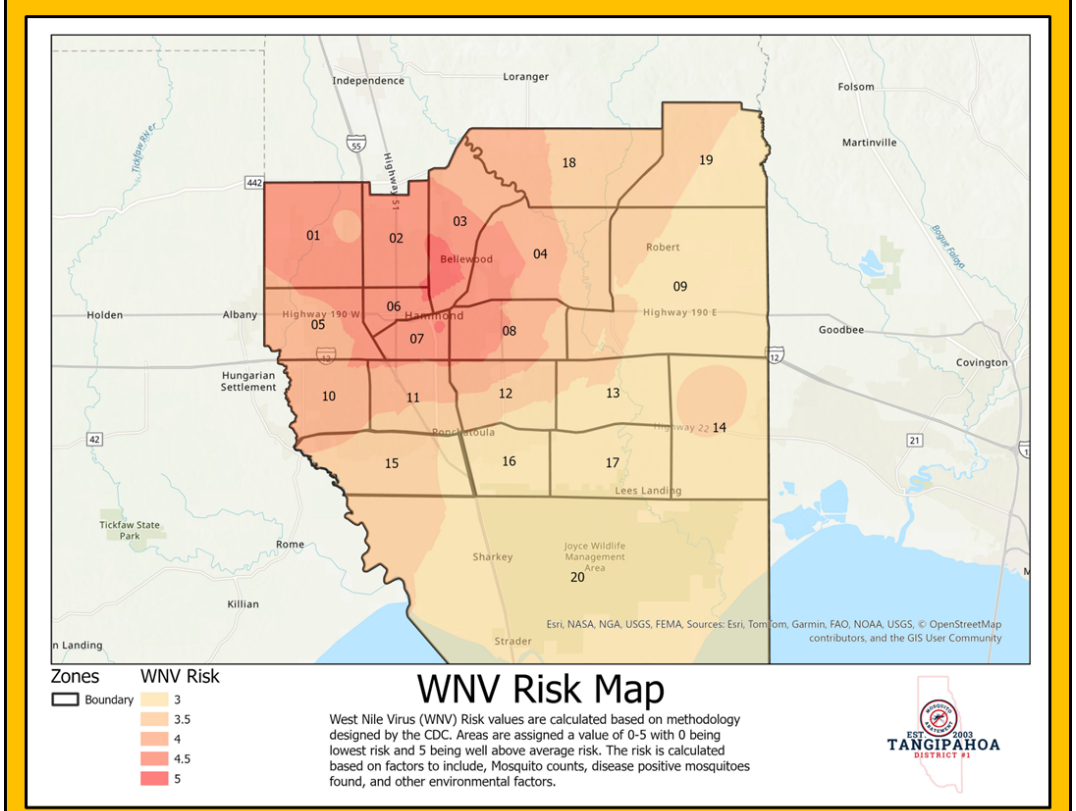
West Nile Virus Detected in 28 Samples Last Week



Environmental factors are playing a pivotal role in the increased mosquito population that you may be seeing. Of the 883 samples tested thus far in 2025, 18 have returned positive for WNV.
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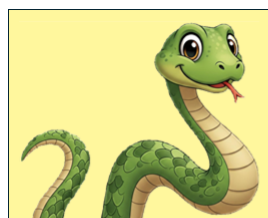

SLITHERY THINGS

So misunderstood!

By Kevin Hood
Louisiana Snake ID

OMG Are Those SNAKE Eggs in my Yard?!?

Springtime is that time of year when the leaves grow back, flowers bloom, and grass turns green again. Oh and it's the time of year that turtles, snakes and other reptiles lay eggs.

My messages at Louisiana Snake ID are full of snake ID questions, but also tons of questions about the mysterious eggs people are finding in their yards. Even though they were laid earlier in the year, many times people don't come across them until the summer, and the babies start showing up around this time of year.

If you find eggs in your yard that look odd, there's no need to freak out. Why do I say that? Because most people don't realize that no venomous snakes in our Parish lay eggs, only some NON-venomous ones do.

In the US as a whole, only coral snakes lay eggs, meaning that if you see snake eggs in your yard anywhere in Louisiana, it's almost definitely going to be a nonvenomous snake species! There are many nonvenomous species that give live birth as well.

Turtles have arms, hands, and claws to dig with so they bury their eggs well under the surface of the earth, but snakes don't have that luxury and often lay their eggs under boards, tin, and anything else they can slither under that seems to not be disturbed often.

If you do come across snake eggs, it's almost definitely going to be some type of racer, kingsnake, or rat snake that laid them, and all of those are extremely beneficial snakes. Don't freak out if you find snake eggs; be excited!

Snakes don't make nests, and they don't hang around to protect their eggs or babies, so just because you find eggs or small babies doesn't mean the momma is nearby.

Snakes are so misunderstood that many people will even claim that cottonmouths are extremely aggressive when protecting their nests, but they simply don't know that not only do cottonmouths not have "nests," they don't lay eggs at all, and their babies are able to be on their own from birth. Therefore there's no protection from momma hanging around, and snakes are not aggressive towards people. Defensive actions can be misinterpreted in that way.

A common myth associated with the time when babies are out and about is that juvenile venomous snakes are more dangerous than adults. The myth claims that baby snakes cannot control their venom and will "dump" it all if they bite.

Baby venomous snakes are fully capable of controlling their venom output from birth and often give "dry bites" like adults. Also, the venom of snakes is located only in their heads. Adult heads are much larger than babies, which again debunks this myth because even if they were to "dump" all their venom, it's a tiny fraction of the amount an adult would have.

If you see any snake in the wild, give it space. If you feel you've been bitten by a venomous snake, whether an adult or baby, seek medical attention, but there's no need for extra worry, thinking that babies are more dangerous.

Again, having snake eggs in your yard is a good thing because we need to appreciate all native species, especially snakes. No other animal spends its life protecting us more than snakes.

They eat the pests that eat and damage our food (snakes don't eat plants, fruit or veggies). They eat pests that spread horrible diseases to humans and pets (mice, rats, fleas, ticks and mites).

As most of us know, snake venom is used to make many lifesaving medicines that people rely on daily. To see some of those lifesaving medicines, visit our website www.louisianasnakeid.com.

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Louis Fajoni Photo Exhibit at the Amite Library

Louis A. Fajoni was born in Palermo, Sicily, October 9, 1894. He left Palermo at 9 years old on September 23, 1903, on a vessel "Manilla," coming to the United States, traveling with his father Peter, mother Jane and younger sister Antonia, who was 2. The trip took 20 days, and they settled in Amite City, Louisiana.

Louis began photographing many community and family events. In the 1920s and 1930s, he took numerous photos of school classes all over Tangipahoa Parish, as well as key events, including an Amite visit by Governor Huey P. Long.

He continued taking pictures for the Amite high school yearbook until 1971. Louis Fajoni recorded our history in the darkroom of his studio – the special moments of our lives developed with his fine focus. He did this painstakingly and patiently, leaving us with thousands of images.

A collection of his images is on exhibition at the Amite Library until the first week of August. You will be invited to share what you remember about the people and places. This information will be added to the collection.

The photos presented came from the archives at the Center for Southeast Louisiana Studies at Southeastern and from private collections.

If you have any Fajoni photographs, we would like to add copies to this collection.
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LOCATION: Maintenance Department
Amite, LA

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A minimum of three (3) years of experience in ordering and procurement of repair parts;
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SALARY: $34,122 - $48,282 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Loranger Elementary School
Loranger, LA

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LOCATION: Woodland Park Magnet School
Hammond, LA

CRITERIA: Must have the following:
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Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience

LOCATION: Woodland Park Magnet School
Hammond, LA

CRITERIA: Must have on or before the advertised deadline, a valid Louisiana teaching certificate with one or more of the following credentials:
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UPDATED diplomas, certificates, and other supporting documentation must be submitted with the application.

A rubric will be used to evaluate your application, so please be sure to submit all required information.

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SALARY: $23,611 - $32,737 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Hammond High Magnet School
Hammond, LA

CRITERIA: Must have the following:
High school diploma or GED (General Equivalency Diploma);
Minimum of one (1) year of experience as a permanent, full-time employee in the Child Nutrition Program;
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POSITION: SCHOOL SECRETARY (10 Months)

SALARY: $24,714 - $33,812 (Based on verified years of relevant experience, degree and level of certification)

LOCATION: Jewel M. Sumner High School Kentwood, LA

CRITERIA: Must have one of the following requirements:
High School Diploma, Equivalency Certificate and at least two (2) years of experience in accounting or bookkeeping.
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The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: PRODUCTION MANAGER – CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM (9 Months)

SALARY: $23,611 - $32,737 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Martha Vinyard Elementary School
Ponchatoula, LA

CRITERIA: Must have the following:
High school diploma or GED (General Equivalency Diploma);
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POSITION: CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM BILLING CLERK / CASHIER (9 Months)

SALARY: $21,448 - $29,346 (Based on verified years of relevant experience)

LOCATION: Hammond Eastside Magnet - Lower
Hammond, LA

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Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1
of Tangipahoa Parish
48571 Highway 51 North
Tickfaw, LA 70466
Notice Posted: July 10, 2025
A G E N D A
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025
4:30 P.M.
Personnel Committee Meeting
Call to Order
Roll Call
Discussion of Personnel Matter
Adjourn
4:45 P.M.
Finance Committee Meeting
Call to Order
Roll Call
Discussion of June Expenditures
Adjourn
5:00 P.M.
R E G U L A R M E E T I N G
Call to Order
Please silence all cell phones
Roll Call
Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance (All Veterans and active military, please render the proper salute)
Visitors
Public Comment
Adoption of Minutes of Regular Meeting dated June 25, 2025
Acceptance of Finance Committee Report
Drainage Plans – Southern Tire Mart – Ford Engineering Services, PLLC – District 8
Project Updates – Spangler Engineering
Approval of Change Order #7 – Vegetative Maintenance Spray Contract – ELOS Environmental
Adopt Revised Payroll Policy of AUP Manual
Administrator's Report
Personnel
Legal Matters
Commissioners' Privileges
Adjourn
For: Joey Mayeaux
President
By: Stanan Capdeboscq
Secretary-Treasurer

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact Stanan Capdeboscq at (985) 542-4292 or stanan@tangipahoadrainage.org, prior to 3 pm CST on the day preceding the scheduled meeting, describing the assistance that is necessary.
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Tangi Parish Govt.

Public Notice for Tangipahoa Landfill Drop-Off Area

To: All interested Federal, State, and Local Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Tangipahoa Parish Government, under Part 58 has conducted an evaluation, as required by Executive Orders 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect this activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for Tangipahoa Landfill Drop-Off Area project.

The Proposed Project is located at the Tangipahoa Parish Landfill, located in Independence, Louisiana. The project site covers approximately 6.0 acres and can be found at 30° 41' 11.89'' N, 90° 33' 46.89'' W. The Tangipahoa Parish Landfill Drop-off area is currently accessible only via a dirt road. Along with this restricted accessibility, the current Drop-off area is limited in its overall capacity and organization. The current state of this site increases the likelihood of unauthorized dumping and storm debris accumulation in waterways and/or roadways. The proposed activity to be completed using RCIP funding involves the extension of the current Drop-off site and the construction of a paved, all-weather accessible road to access the Drop-off area. The extended Drop-off area will also include new dumpsters and storage containers marked for specific categories of disposed material. The intent of this proposed project is to improve the accessibility and effectiveness of the Tangipahoa Parish Landfill Drop-off area in hopes to mitigate the negative impacts of debris accumulation following storm events.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given the opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the temporary impacts to the special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at a greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Michael Hill, Project Manager and Environmental Scientist at ELOS Environmental, LLC, on behalf of the Tangipahoa Parish Government, no later than July 30, 2025. Comments should be submitted during regular business hours, between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, at the following address: 607 W Morris Avenue, Hammond, LA 70403. Alternatively, comments may be sent via email to mhill@elosenv.com.
Publish: July 14
Cost of notice: $ 32.50

Public Notice for Tangipahoa Landfill Sewer Connection and Treatment

To: All interested Federal, State, and Local Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

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The Proposed Project is located in Amite City of Tangipahoa Parish and spans along Puleston Road and Rutland Road, terminating at 57510 Hano Rd, Independence, LA 70443 within the Tangipahoa Parish Landfill (30° 43' 34.248" N, 90° 32' 14.388" W) to (30° 41' 13.2" N, 90° 33' 33.444" W). The proposed activity to be completed using RCIP funding involves the construction of lift pump stations and an approximately 21,297-foot force main sewer line connecting the Tangipahoa Parish Landfill and the Amite City sewer system at Highway 16 W. The project also includes the construction of an approximate 5,800-foot gravity sewer pipe on landfill property and seventeen sewer manholes. Tangipahoa Parish Government proposes this project to collect and pump pre-treated leachate and contact stormwater from the existing Parish landfill site to a major permitted treatment plant owned and operated by the Town of Amite City for required treatment. Ground disturbance is expected to be no more than eighteen inches in depth, and is primarily due to the installation of new sewer lines within and along the public right-of-way.

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Tangi Parish CVB

Tangipahoa Parish
Convention & Visitors Bureau
Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, July 16, 2025
I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Public Input
IV. Approval of Minutes
a. June minutes
V. Treasurer's Report
a. June Financial Reports
VI. Director's Report
a. Resolution for Carla Tate to sign a CEA (Cooperative Endeavor Agreement) between TPCVB and Louisiana State Treasurer office on behalf of TPCVB
b. Ponchatoula Baseball
c. Louisiana Renaissance Festival
d. Yoga and Sunflowers
e. 2026 Rose Parade
f. Tangipahoa Parish African American Annual Fundrasier
VII. Old Business
VIII. New Business
IX. Adjournment

Tangipahoa Parish Convention & Visitors Bureau's
Board of Director's Regular Month Meeting will be held
Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 12 o'clock NOON
At the Tangipahoa Parish Convention & Visitors Bureau,
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Eva Delatte Speaks on a Global Stage

Tangi Times Report

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She talked about it on the Miss Southeastern stage.
She talked about it on the Miss Louisiana stage.
Now Eva Delatte gets to talk about it on a global stage.
She will speak before thousands of educators at the Global Conference for International Baccalaureate in New Orleans on July 15-17.
Delatte, the reigning Miss Southeastern, said she will also tell how the IB curriculum compares to the Miss America opportunity.
"Being Miss Southeastern gave me the opportunity do the Miss Louisiana pageant and opened a bigger insight into the comparison of something like the pageant and the IB," she said.
Delatte will open the conference explaining how the two pageants and the IB platform promote the development of well-rounded individuals through academic excellence, leadership, service, and talent.
The IB program has a curriculum that develops critical thinking and strong academic skills.
Delatte experienced that truth as a graduate of Hammond High, the only school in the parish with an IB program. Not only was she able to earn college credits, but she also experienced the other benefits of the IB program, such as ethical reasoning and independent learning.
Part of her presentation will focus on her DREAM initiative – Dance, Rhythm, Expression Acting and Music – the platform she created to promote performing arts in public education.
Delatte's presentation will be to educators, students and global thinkers as they connect global education, innovation, and human connection.

Horoscopes

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3rd week of July

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, your confidence is peaking and people are noticing. Even though you are on a roll, don't let it go to your head. Midweek might be a test of your patience, but you'll keep your cool.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
You are craving creature comforts, Taurus. This week you might be happy with keeping things slow and relaxing. You also may want to splurge on a treat.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, this week your brain may be best compared to a Wi-Fi signal. In other words, moving fast, seeking new information and maybe a little glitchy. Slow down enough to focus on necessary tasks.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, you might be feeling tender this week, and others may be realizing that you're giving off warm-and-fuzzy vibes. That will suit you at home, but you may need to be firmer at work.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Your charisma is showing this week, Leo, and people could be eating it up. You're giving off lead character energy right now, but don't forget to let others share some of your spotlight.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
This week you are completely focused on organizing your life, Virgo. Whether you need to use spreadsheets or label makers, do whatever it takes to fix what you think needs it most.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, it's time to embrace some social events, or at least get them on the calendar. Practice your small talk and get ready to mingle. You will be ready to be the life of the party.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, if you've been holding on to secrets, one may slip out this week. It could be a confession or a breakthrough, but it will be intense to reveal.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
You may be halfway out the door and ready for some adventure, Sagittarius. Spontaneity will look good on you this week, but reserve some time for your responsibilities.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Take inventory of what you have accomplished thus far and enjoy what you have built, Capricorn. You don't need to prove anything because you've been rocking it.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
What to-do list, Aquarius? Your ability to focus on tasks and knock them off one by one is monumental this week. Your brain definitely has been firing on all cylinders.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Someone might surprise you this week with an unexpected compliment or an offer of help, Pisces. Accept either gladly and then figure out how to pay it forward.

Tangi Gumbo

A little bit of everything you need to know

The Tangipahoa Chamber's highly anticipated Chillin' with the Chamber $10,000 Raffle Party is back and set for Saturday, August 9, from 6:30–9:30pm at the Chappapeela Sports Park Gymnasium. This exciting annual fundraiser plays a crucial role in helping the Chamber maintain the historic Hammond Train Depot and supports a wide range of member programs and services that strengthen the local business community.

Guests will enjoy an evening filled with lively entertainment, featuring live music by 3rd Street, delicious food and drinks from participating Chamber member vendors, a silent auction with more than 30 fantastic items up for bid, and a liquor pull where every participant takes home a bottle valued at $20 or more.

Each $125 ticket admits two people and includes a chance to win either the $10,000 grand prize or a large Big Green Egg in a Nest, generously donated by Gabriel Building Supply. Attendees do not have to be present to win.

A special thank you goes to First Guaranty Bank for returning as this year's Title Sponsor and helping make this signature Chamber event possible.

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has approved the establishment of two new Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) — Flatwoods Savanna in Allen Parish and Bogue Chitto in Washington Parish — during its July 9 meeting in Baton Rouge. Now open for non-consumptive activities such as hiking and wildlife viewing, the Flatwoods Savanna WMA covers 426 acres between Reeves and LeBlanc, while the Bogue Chitto WMA spans 1,642.5 acres south of Franklinton near Bogue Chitto State Park.

The WMAs were created in partnership with the Trust for Public Land and funded in part by the Louisiana Outdoor Fund, with additional support from several conservation organizations and foundations. These areas aim to enhance public access to natural spaces and contribute to long-term conservation efforts across the state.

It has now been three weeks since James Wood was last seen, and the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office continues to search for answers in his disappearance. The last confirmed sighting of Wood was on June 19 at the LA 22 Mart in Ponchatoula, where surveillance footage shows him wearing all black and walking down Lee's Landing Road, away from Highway 22. His vehicle, keys, and other personal belongings were later found at his home on River Road, where he lives alone.

Although a few tips have come in, none have led to his location. Sheriff Gerald Sticker urges anyone with information to contact the TPSO Investigations Division at 985-902-2045 as detectives remain actively involved in the case.

There is a LOW (20%) chance of tropical cyclone development over the next 7 days. A broad area of low pressure is forecast to form in the eastern Gulf by Wednesday. Since this system has not yet developed, there is low confidence in the forecast impacts. Stay tuned to the latest forecasts over the coming days.

Regardless of development, this system will bring a threat of locally heavy rainfall beginning Wednesday afternoon and continuing through Friday.

FUN FACT

Every character in the show Scooby Doo has a formal name. Shaggy's real name is NORVILLE ROGERS.

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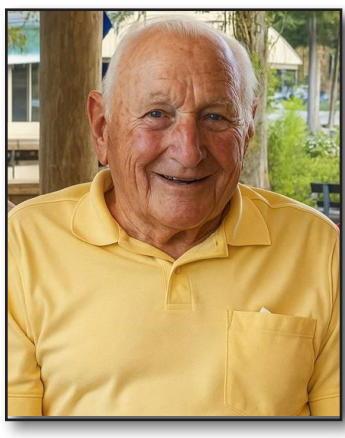
Joseph Nolan Delatte

Nolan Joseph Delatte, age 90, passed away peacefully at The Crossing at Clarity Hospice on July 10, 2025. He was the retired owner of Nolan's Hangout in Maurepas, LA, where he was known for his love of cooking – especially on Thursday nights, preparing meals for customers who became lifelong friends.

After retiring, Nolan continued sharing his passion for food by cooking at home, welcoming friends into his kitchen. What began as casual meals evolved into cherished morning coffee gatherings, a tradition that brought joy to his days.

Nolan also had a deep love for gardening. He proudly tended his vegetable patch, fondly referring to it as the "community garden," where he spent many peaceful hours nurturing the land he loved.

He is survived by two daughters, Donna Bordelon (Jerry) and Lisa Robbins (Milton), two sons, Randy Delatte (DeeDee) and Rocky Delatte (Cheryl) and one daughter-in-law, Jaynelle Delatte. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren, Angie Leader, Crystal Randolph, Stephen, Brad, Beau and Meagan Delatte, Ashley Punch, Rohn, Devin and Marissa Bordelon, Ryan Brown, Haylie Singleton, Alaina and Natalie Robbins, Haley Edwards and Mallory Littell; 28 great grandchildren, one great, great grandchild; sibling, Emelda Fontenot; sisters-in-law Lois, Dianna and MiMi Delatte; and brother-in-law, Stanley Balfantz.

Preceding him in death were his son, Kevin Delatte, parents, Arthur and Esther Brown Delatte, his brothers, Delton, David and Gilbert Delatte; his sister, Bitsy Balfantz; and brother-in-law, Noblisse Fontenot.

Family and friends are invited to attend his visitation at St. Stephen Catholic Church, 22502 LA-22, Maurepas, LA 70449 on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, from 9:00AM until Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00PM, conducted by Fr. Huy Tran and Deacon Jimmy Little. He will be laid to rest in Whitehall Cemetery following Mass. Serving as pallbearers will be, Rohn Bordelon, BJ Leader, Stephen, Brad, Beau and Ticky Delatte.

The family extends their heartfelt thanks to the staff of The Crossing at Clarity Hospice for the exceptional care and compassion they provided.

HYMEL

(FROM PAGE 1)

(Photo courtesy of Larry Hymel)

Larry Hymel poses with his family after his induction into the College Sports Communications Hall of Fame. Pictured left to right are Hymel's daughter-in-law Kim Hymel, son Michael Hymel, Hymel, friend Dean Burroughs, daughter Kayla Hymel Tomeny, son-in-law Randy Tomeny, and granddaughter Kristi Basso.

challenges of college life while also trying to plot their career path.

"I am here to help students, whether it is in sports or not," he said.

Hymel, who would serve at SLU for 51 years in several capacities before fully retiring in 2017, watched with pride from a distance as students he mentored pursued what would become successful careers. Years later, far removed from being under Hymel's eye on a Saturday night in Strawberry Stadium, many of those students have never lost touch, appreciative of the impacts he has made in their personal and professional lives.

"Just the fact I touched some people's lives is rewarding," he said. "I hope I touched them on a personal level. They mean so much to me."

During the national SID meeting, Hymel chuckled when the organization was honoring sports information directors with their 15- and 25-year awards.

"They don't what is like to operate BC (without computers)," he laughed.

Hymel spent much of his career without the benefit of modern technology, writing stories on a manual typewriter (at a time when an Apple was just a tasty fruit and not a computer icon), and then having to dictate the story to those working the sports desks at The Times-Picayune and the Morning Advocate newspapers.

He remembers braving winter's cold and summer's harshness, taking stats and writing baseball stories from the bleachers at Alumni Field, long before a press box was built.

For years, he was a one-person department, never complaining. Today, he has embraced the technology that became popular toward the sunset of his career.

"The good with the bad," he said of emails, social media, and cell phones. "With computers, you are expected to do more, but at the same time, it has made things a lot easier."

But the downside is a lack of relationships. Hymel fondly recalled how he developed relationships with copy editors and others at area newspapers, people he could rely on to take his copy, much of the time that was dictated.

He even remembers how former TP sports editor and popular communist Bob Roesler once took him to a Major League Baseball game in New Orleans, meaningful for Hymel because of his passion for America's game.

"Technology has gotten better but unfortunately the newspapers have slipped backward," he said. "They don't have the room. They don't carry Southeastern anymore like they used to. It's a whole different world."

More than awards, more than wonderful memories of SLU's athletic success, which has included a pair of national championships in women's sports and a trip to the College World Series in baseball, Hymel's focus has been on cultivating relationships, being a mentor to young people and the quintessential ambassador for all things Southeastern.

His impact on the lives he has touched was evident by the more than 300 comments that were posted on social media congratulating him on his award.

"It was so heartwarming, it really made me feel so good," he said. "It just seemed like every day (of his career) was rewarding."

Even today, when he hears a success story regarding one of his former students, he proudly brags of their accomplishments, minimizing the role he might have played in that person's life.

Throughout his long career, the passion he poured into his job, more appropriately his mission, was only surpassed by the dedication to those he taught and mentored.

It is a commitment that has carried over into his retirement with the establishment of the Larry Hymel Endowed Scholarship for Sports Journalism that provides financial assistance to a Southeastern student who is involved in sports writing for the University.

"That should be an important part of my legacy," Hymel said, adding that his legacy should also acknowledge be he was the first sports information director at Southeastern and "apparently did a good enough job to get into three halls of fame."

And the scholarship.

"To me, that is one of the most gratifying things I've ever done, more than even the awards I've gotten," he said. "There will be two legacies, one giving and one receiving," he said.

For the consummate Lion, for the man who dedicated more than 50 years of his life to Southeastern, for a Hammond icon, perhaps he is deserving of two legacies. Few would likely disagree.

Wildlife and Severe Weather

Ahh, summer! It's my absolute favorite season of the year where I can wear minimal clothing, and shoes aren't really necessary. I love the sun, the heat, and the relaxed vibes in the air, kids splashing in pools, summer vacations, and snoballs.

To me, summer is absolutely perfect, even though I'd like a little less of these constant summer showers and storms. The past few weeks we've had quite a few, some pretty severe, resulting in a lot of wildlife juveniles and babies being displaced from their nests or dens, blown out of them by wind, or flushed out by water.

In my experience as a wildlife/ bird rehabber, the majority of my calls would come during and after storms, after good Samaritans found displaced, soaked, and sometimes injured wildlife. There have been instances where we were faced with downed trees, street flooding, and loss of power.

The majority of wildlife found during and after storms can be safely returned where found, once the storm passes, water goes down, and they are fully dried off and not struggling to breathe. If unsure, it's best to call a wildlife rehabilitator and send pictures, or even better, a short video showing how they're acting.

In events where that's not possible, like a fallen tree where a nest was, a rehabber will give instructions on what should be done. Never return an injured or aspirated animal, baby, juvenile, or adult, back to the wild. Even if they walk or fly away, they may just be going to find a place to hide to take their last breaths.

Some wildlife are known for hiding their injuries, especially prey animals like birds, who are vulnerable to being picked off by predators when sick or injured, so they hide it until they no longer can. A lot of times they may appear perfectly normal to the eyes, but have internal bleeding, which would be indicative by pale lips or tongue.

When we are instructed to stay indoors during or after severe weather, it's impossible to get an animal in need to where it needs to go, so a rehabber can give specific instructions on how to keep them alive and stable until the roads are safe again.

If seeking help or advice online, I strongly advise against listening to anyone who isn't a professional like a wildlife rehabber, veterinarian, or a rescue tech working with that species. There were many instances where bad online advice was followed, and birds that could have been easily released back to the wild within hours, were rushed to me in critical condition.

This is mainly because a lot of people have pet birds, or are breeders, not realizing they are feeding wild bird the wrong diet, often aspirating them to the point of pneumonia, or causing Metabolic Bone Disease from an improper diet. People's good intentions often result in the animal needlessly losing their life.

The care and feeding of wildlife is extremely detailed and complicated, and a lot of training is necessary. I've done this for two decades, yet each year, more advanced technologies allow for more developed research about what constitutes a proper diet, so I'm always learning new things and following the most current dietary and care requirements.

Always remember to stay safe, and follow any and all local instructions during severe weather. Your safety, and the safety of your family, should always come first. Never risk your own life to try and rescue wildlife! Only attempt rescue when there is minimal risk to any human involved, and only after severe weather has passed.

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Bedico Supermarket

Greensburg
Buddy's Seafood/Deli
Greensburg Family Pharmacy
Main Street Market/Deli
The Hawk's Nesting Café
Lucky Dollar Casino
A Country Store
Last Stop Money Mart

Hammond
Jeanie's - It's All Good
Doughlicious Donuts
University Donuts
CVS Hammond
Pull Clip Café
Scott's Pharmacy
Don Chaucer's Pharmacy
Bayou Booksellers
Hammond Express
Miller's Mart
Stuffed
Red White & Brew

Independence
The Man Shack
Hilltop Market & Deli
Minute Man Convenience
La Potosina

Kentwood
Kentwood Pharmacy
Kentwood City Hall
The Café
Schilling's Pharmacy
Kentwood Co-op
Pizza Shack
B & D Salvage Grocery

Loranger
Gene's Greenhouses
Loranger Supermarket
Family Healthcare
Grace Filled Donuts

Montpelier
Bear Creek Western Store
Miller's Grocery
Natalbany Creek Campground
Bizzy Bee

Pine Grove
Pine Grove Auto Parts

Ponchatoula
Bohning's
Gabriel Building Supply
CVS Ponchatoula
B2 Antiques
Moss & Berry
Ponchatoula Family Pharmacy
Specialty RX Pharmacy

Robert
Robert Supermarket
Robert Pharmacy

Roseland
Sky's Pantry

Springfield
Landry-Poché Farm
Childers Grocery
P'Maw's Bait Shop

Tangipahoa
TG Mini Mart

Tickfaw
Alissa's Beauty Salon

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